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I am appalled at the current status of this antitrust issue. I pay taxes to a government that I thought would look out for the little guy and ensure that all innovators have an even playing field. This is apparently not the case. Microsoft has systematically destroyed any competitor that would challenge it's global dominance in the software industry. Their next goal once Unix is dead and Linux has been corrupted by their persistent methods of debunking it's benefits, will be to charge everyone rent for a piece of S/W that will never live up to the grandiose claims that are bundled with it. Imagine having to pay a monthly fee to access your files and your personal items. If you allow MS to force third party innovators to disclose their technology in order to certify it as MS compatible; then you might just as well tell everyone writing any code that they will have to allow MS to "examine" hence "steal" any code they develop. This company is notorious for stealing others good ideas. They haven't developed anything on their own merits. Your job as prosecutors is to see that MS stops their monopolistic business practices and punish them for past misdeeds. Do you actually think all the plaintiff testimony was created by a group of sour grape losers that just could not compete? This is bullshit! They were setup to loose by heavy handed and illegal business practices. I will get to the point! You have wasted my money and every other tax payers. Your restrictions have no teeth and the piece of paper it is written on is no better than toilette paper. MS will continue stifling innovation and the only one who will pay in the future will be all of us. This great country was founded on innovation and invention. If there are no more innovators to challenge the status quo and hold them to high standards, then we will be left with a fat overgrown monopolist who can not comprehend the term. Make the people of this great country believe that you have a backbone. A strict judgment will only serve to make MS a better company by forcing them to fairly compete. If you fail to produce a fair judgment then you might as well be in Bill Gates' pocket for life.